

REMARKS

Claims 12-23 are pending in this application. In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement set forth in the June 28, 2005 Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution with traverse, Group I drawn to a system and claims 12-18 and 21-23 readable thereon.

Applicants note that the Examiner defined Group I as including claims 12-18 and Group II as including claims 10-20. Applicants interpret the Examiner's identification of Group II as a typographical error, whereby the Examiner meant to state that Group II includes claims 19-20.

Applicants also note that the Examiner did not categorize claims 21-23 into a Group. Applicants submit that claims 21-23, which are drawn to a system, should have been categorized in Group I for purposes of the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, drawn to claims 12-18 and 21-23.

As set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent or distinct inventions.

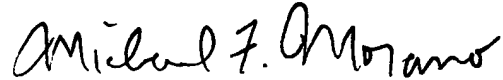
While the system and method of Groups I and II may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that due to the similarities between the claims of Group I and II, searching is facilitated and simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden, much less any burden.

Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in

the same application (See M.P.E.P. § 803).

An early and favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael F. Morano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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